

Northwestern Local Human Right Committee

The next scheduled meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Right Committee will be on January 11, 2010 at Lutheran Family Services in Winchester, VA.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2010 LHRC MEETING

The November 9, 2010 meeting of the Northwestern Local Human Rights Committee was held at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, VA.

Members Present: Mr. Fred Sabia, Chair; Ms. Jeannie Decker, Ms. Eileen Manuel, and Ms. Nancy Cartier

Affiliates Present: Chuck Collins and Mark Seymour (Advocates); Kristian Sawyer & Angel Brown (A Place To Call Home); Cathy Wolfe-Heberle (Blue Ridge Opportunities); Eileen Martelli (Crossroads/Children's Services of VA); Brian Kesner (Community Alternatives of VA); Heidi Fields, Julie Alexander, & Rachel Heberle (Family Preservation, Inc.); Clif MacDonald (Good Life Corporation); Kent Houchins & Amy Smith (Grafton); Heather Wilhide (Heart Havens); Eddie Cassidy (Lord Fairfax House); Cassie Phipps (Lutheran Family Services); Carol Lucking (National Counseling Group); Mark Gleason (NWCSB); Emily Johnson (NOVA Family Services); Betsey Anderson (NW Works); Mickie Duncan & Barbie Sharp (Shen-Paco); Mike Lackey (SVCR); Karen Tompkins (Timber Ridge); Lana Hurt & Peggy-Ann Jones (Wall Residences); Mandy Caracofe & Rhonda Foster (Where the Heart Is); Gayle Shanholtz (Winchester Medical Center); and Mary Zirkle (WINC Community MH Center).

Affiliates Absent: Blue Ridge Residential Services, Bridging the Gaps, and Robert E Rose Memorial

Others Present: Scott Worley, Gretta Doering, Katie Bundrick & Gail Partlowe

Call To Order: Mr. Sabia called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He thanked Winchester Medical Center for hosting and everyone for coming.

Introductions: Mr. Sabia asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

Mr. Sabia acknowledged and thanked Ms. Gail Partlowe for her many years of service with the board.

Ms. Gretta Doering briefly discussed her appointment and service on the state board. Mr. Collins commented that the state board will greatly benefit from her presence.

Meeting Minutes: Ms. Cartier made a motion to accept the September 14, 2010 minutes, Ms. Decker seconded and the motion carried.

Also to clarify from the September 14, 2010 minutes a medication error is considered to have occurred when medication wasn't given when it was supposed to have been, the wrong medication was given, or the medication was given outside of the window hour (1 hour before or 1 hour after). An exception to this is when a Doctor's order is given that allows medication to be administered outside of the stated window hour. Mr. Collin's interprets a medication error as described as an instance of possible neglect.

Public Comments: None

Comments by LHRC Affiliates or Members:

- Ms. Phipps from Lutheran Family Services announced the Essential Pieces program did not reapply for the United Way Grant this year. Due to this, there will be limited programming. From November 18th until the beginning of January there will be no meetings for this program.
- Ms. Johnson from NOVA Family Services informed the board that they have a new CEO and Mr. Yeater is the new Program Manager.
- Ms. Anderson from NW Works was excited to announce the move to their new facility starting December 20th. They plan to officially be moved in after the holidays.
- Ms. Zirkle from WINC Community Mental Health Center updated the board on their grand opening October 13th. They are excited by the many referrals received and are looking forward to what is to come.

Advocate Update:

Mr. Seymour discussed a question from a consumer regarding children and adolescents accessing their records. The rules state that any minor can receive their outpatient records without parent authorization. However, minors cannot access their inpatient records without parent consent. An exception to this is any minor 14 or older that consents to being admitted can access their inpatient records. The key to these rules is the client must be competent.

Mr. Collins visited several programs prior to arriving this evening at the meeting. He visited Sunshine House for a client dispute resolution and stopped at Good Life Corporation to see their day program. Mr. Collins then went to ShenPaco where he briefly sat in on a meeting before proceeding to Winchester Medical Center to meet with Ms. Shanholtz about their new over objection policy. This is acceptable when administering medicine is an emergency or court ordered. Mr. Kesner from Community Alternatives of Virginia asked Mr. Collins about peer to peer abuse allegations he has received involving the same client. Mr. Collins suggested charting these interactions and was able to determine these outbreaks were due to a medication change.

Program Reports:

- Timber Ridge
- Wall Residences- Requested approval of all restrictive restraints Ms. Decker made a motion to approve, Ms. Cartier seconded and the motion carried.
- Where the Heart Is
- Winchester Medical Center

Old Business: Mr. Gleason reviewed the 2010 meetings: January 11- Lutheran Family Services; March 8- Grafton; May 10-Winchester Community Mental Health Center; July 12-Timber Ridge; September 13-Good Life; and November 8-WMC. For those affiliates hosting the meetings, directions will be forwarded to Katie so she can send them out with the meeting information.

New Business: Ms. Carol Lucking from National Counseling Group announced their new TDT services in Warren County Public Schools at the high school level. Ms. Lucking requested approval of the new TDT services Ms. Manuel made a motion to approve, Ms. Cartier seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Scott Worley from Creative Family Solutions informed the board of four individuals in this area that have requested services through the DD waiver funded by DMAS. He requested temporary affiliation until Creative Family Solutions has received its license in this area. Ms. Cartier made a motion to approve temporary affiliation, Ms. Decker seconded and the motion carried. Ms. Amy Smith from Grafton announced their merger with Graydon Manor in Leesburg, Virginia. She will keep the board updated as more information emerges.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:21. There will be a 10 minute break before re-convening into Executive Session. The next meeting of the LHRC will be at Lutheran Family Services in Winchester.

Executive Session: Ms. Decker motioned that the LHRC convene into closed session to discuss confidential client matters pursuant to the protection of privacy exemption as noted in Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(4). Ms. Cartier seconded and the motion was approved.

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:41 where it is certified that only confidential client matters were discussed.

During the Executive Session, Wall Residences next of friend Authorized Representative placement was approved.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Catherine E. Bundrick, NWCS Administrative Assistant

Fred Sabia, Chair

Mark Gleason, LHRC Liaison